(b) whether Indian industries affected by such dumping have to fill in and file an application before the competent authority which is cumbersome procedure; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the onus of proof of dumping lies on the adversely affected Indian industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Designated Authority for Anti-Dumping in the Ministry of Commerce receives petitions from the domestic industry alleging dumping of certain products by foreign companies. Wherever such petitions contain prima-facie evidence of dumping and material injury to domestic industry from such dumping, investigation is undertaken. No petitions are pending on dumping of Steel and films.

(b) It is true that an Indian industry which is affected has to fill in the details as per a format prescribed by the competent authority. The format has been prescribed to obtain all nesesary detailis for the Designated Authority to investigate as per requirements of law. The procedure thereafter is to issue a Public Notice of initiaion of investigation, followed by a Public Hearing and issue of Provisional and Final findings.

(c) The onus of providing prima-facie evidence of dumping lies with the domestic industry. One this evidence is provided and the investigation is initiated, the onus is on the foreign companies to prove that they had not indulged in dumping.

Financial irregularities by Dubai Office of STC

3114.2 SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been misappropriation of Government funds and financial irrgularities in the Dubai office of STC;

(b) whether both the CBI and Government audit party have given adverse remarks in this matter;

(c) if so, whether an official posted at Dubai was abruptly transferred back to India; and

(d) whether Government have held further inquiry into these matters and if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Based on references received from the Central Vigilance Commission, CBI and Government Audit Party, alleging improper financial claims by Branch Manager, STC's Office at Dubai, the matter is presently under inquiry in the Corporation. Further action in the matter would be taken depending on the outcome of the inquiry. The official has since been transferred to India on completion of his tenure.

Foreign Exchange spent on imports

3115. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total foreign exchange spent for import of goods during the year 1993-94;

(b) what are the products imported;

(c) what is the total foreign exchange earned by export of goods during the year 1993-94; and

(d) what are the products exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) As per estimates of DGCI&S, Calcutta, the total amount of foreign exchange utilised in imports was US $ 23,306 million (Rs. 73,101 crores) during 1993-94, and amount of foreign ex-